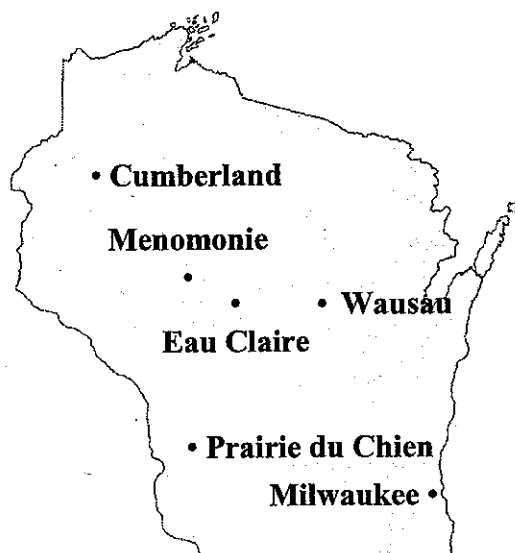
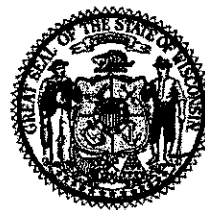


# Wisconsin



## **3M Cumberland**

- 203 Employees
- Abrasive Systems Division

## **3M Eau Claire**

- 26 Employees
- Electronic Solutions Division

## **3M Menomonie**

- 631 Employees
- Optical Systems Division

## **3M Milwaukee**

- 50 Employees
- 3M Touch Systems

## **3M Prairie du Chien**

- 545 Employees
- Optical Systems Division

## **3M Wausau**

- 161 Employees
- Industrial Mineral Products Division

## **3M in Wisconsin**

### **Total Employees/Retirees**

3,391  
(1,616 employees,  
1,775 retirees)

### **Total Payroll**

\$106,598,770.23

### **Total Export Value**

\$169,252,747

### **Number of Suppliers**

1,280

### **Total Paid to Suppliers**

\$321,817,165

### **State Income Taxes**

\$4,074,000

### **State Charitable Contributions**

\$1,213,888

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Representative Jerry Petrowski  
Chairman, Assembly Transportation Committee

Ref: Assembly Bill 755

Mr. Chairman,

This letter is in support of Assembly Bill 755. In short, we feel this bill is good for the State of Wisconsin, the City of Wausau, the surrounding community and 3M.

3M Wausau produces colored roofing granule for roofing shingles. The site, purchased by 3M in 1929, is 3M's oldest continuous manufacturing operation. In Wausau, 3M has two sites that employ a total of 185 people. These respective jobs are good paying with high quality benefits. In Wisconsin, 3M employs over 1,600 people all together. As you know, the U.S. housing market has had a sharp downturn that has challenged the roofing industry. The respective business is tough and with the decline in the housing market, this has caused us to look at ways for our operations to be more efficient.

Unlike our sister plants around the country, the Wausau location must transport rock 6 miles from the quarry to the downtown plant, that colors and ships the roofing granules to the shingle manufacturers. All other similar 3M plants have their quarry located next to the processing plant. Thus the transportation cost from the quarry to the plant is a cost the other 3M sites do not incur.

With today's weight limit of 80,000 lbs, we operate 150 round trips per day through city traffic. We use the same route for each trip. By allowing 3M to increase weight limits by 10,000 lbs., our plant can become more efficient by reducing the number of trips by 30+ per day or 20+%.

The benefits of the load increase are as follows:

- less truck traffic on the roads from a public safety perspective
- this would reduce fuel consumption by 20%
- fewer emissions from trucks

This legislation grants us efficiencies to enable the Wausau operation to remain competitive with its sister plants around the country. In our opinion, this bill is about protecting high quality jobs in Wisconsin.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Angie Bodnar'.

Angie Bodnar  
Plant Manager

3M Industrial Mineral Products Division